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REMARKS

Applicants present this Amendment in conjunction with a Suggestion by Applicants for Interference pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 41.202, wherein Applicants respectfully request that an interference be declared between the present application and U.S. Patent No. 6,869,605.

Status of the Claims

Upon entry of the present amendment, claims 195-207 will be pending in this application; these claims were added in the Amendment filed March 17, 2006. Claims 208-221 have been cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer herein. Applicants reserve the right to present claims to the cancelled subject matter at a later date in the present application or in a continuing application.

Request to Correct Inventorship Pursuant To 37 C.F.R. § 1.48(b)

Please correct the inventorship by deleting Craig A. Rosen, whose invention is no longer being claimed in the present application. Applicants have submitted the processing fee set forth in § 1.17(i) on the enclosed Processing Fee Transmittal Sheet.

Applicant Suggestion For Interference Pursuant To 37 C.F.R. § 41.202(a)

To facilitate consideration by the Examiner, the text of each of the subsections of 37 C.F.R. § 41.202(a) is set forth below as headings to each section providing the requisite information.

37 C.F.R. § 41.202(a)(1): Provide sufficient information to identify the application or patent with which the applicant seeks an interference

Under the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 41.202(a)(1), Applicants seek to have an interference declared between the present application, U.S. Patent Application No. 09/589,288, and U.S. Patent 6,869,605 to Browning et al. ("the '605 Patent"), which is assigned on its face to Biogen Idec Ma Inc. (hereafter "Biogen"). The '605 Patent issued on March 22, 2005 from U.S. Patent Application No. 09/911,777, which was filed on July 24, 2001. A copy of the '605 Patent is attached as Appendix A.